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SUBJ: CANARY ISLANDS, US, SPAIN AND AFRICA

1. ARRIVAL SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA EVENING MAY 15
FOR 36 HOUR VISIT PROMPTED LENGTHY BYLINED ARTICLE
MAY 16 L'UNION ON GABONESE-SPANISH RELATIONS AND PARTICU-
LARLY THE CANARY ISLANDS ISSUE. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH
STATEMENT THAT UNITED STATES CONTROLS "STRATEGIC INSTAL-
LATIONS" IN CANARIES AND PLANS TO CONSTRUCT NAVAL AIR
BASE WHICH WILL CONSTITUTE AN IMPORTANT PART OF PRICE FOR
SPANISH ENTRY INTO NATO.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: ALTHOUGH EMBASSY GENERALLY AWARE
OF US-SPANISH DEFENSE PACT AND US INSTALLATIONS EUROPEAN
SPAIN, WE NOT INFORMED ABOUT CANARIES INSTALLATIONS OR
PLANS. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BACKGROUND INFORMATION
ENABLE US SET RECORD STRAIGHT HERE IF AS WE SUSPECT L'UNION
ASSERTIONS SUBSTANTIALY INCORRECT.TIENKEN

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